

# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE United States Patent and Trademark Office Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/642,999	08/18/2003	Oliviero Dolci	SAIC 20.557 (100788-00064	2966
26304	7590 03/14/2005		EXAMINER	
	MUCHIN ZAVIS RO ON AVENUE	CARTER, MONICA SMITH		
NEW YORK		ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER	
·			3722	

DATE MAILED: 03/14/2005

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

	_	٠,
/	Λ	ı
L	<i>!</i> T	v
•	71	١
	vı	•

	Application No.	Applicant(s)				
Office Action Commons	10/642,999	DOLCI ET AL.				
Office Action Summary	Examiner	Art Unit				
	Monica S. Carter	3722				
The MAILING DATE of this communication app Period for Reply	ears on the cover sheet with the c	orrespondence address				
A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.  - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.  - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.  - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).  Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).						
Status						
1)⊠ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>05 October 2004</u> .						
2a)⊠ This action is <b>FINAL</b> . 2b)☐ This	This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.					
3) Since this application is in condition for allowan	ce except for formal matters, pro	secution as to the merits is				
closed in accordance with the practice under E	x parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 45	3 O.G. 213.				
Disposition of Claims						
4) Claim(s) 11-21 is/are pending in the application	I.	·				
4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdraw	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.					
5) Claim(s) is/are allowed.						
6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>11-21</u> is/are rejected.						
7) Claim(s) is/are objected to.						
8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	election_requirement.					
Application Papers						
9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner	·.					
10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.						
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).						
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).						
11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Ex	aminer. Note the attached Office	Action or form PTO-152.				
Priority under <sup>′</sup> 35 U.S.C. § 119						
12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  a) All b) Some * c) None of:						
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.						
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No						
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage						
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).						
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.						
A44 - A-44 - A44 - A	•					
Attachment(s)  1) X Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) Interview Summary (	(PTO-413)				
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Da	te				
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date	5) Motice of Informal Pa	atent Application (PTO-152)				

Application/Control Number: 10/642,999 Page 2

Art Unit: 3722

#### **DETAILED ACTION**

## Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

- 1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:
  - The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
- 2. Claims 11-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claims 11 and 21, it is not clear to the examiner what applicant is claiming. How can a page that is in one section of pages being in each of the sections of pages?

In claim 13, it is not clear to the examiner what applicant is claiming.

### Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 2. Claims 11-21, as best understood, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Dolci et al. ('508).

Dolci et al. disclose a book comprising a plurality of book sections bound together, each of the plurality of book sections being adjacent to another of the plurality of book sections and having a shape unique to that book section so that the plurality of book sections forms subject in relief (as seen in figure 5); a first plurality of pages (2)

Application/Control Number: 10/642,999

Art Unit: 3722

having a first page type and at least one page of the first plurality of pages being disposed in each of the plurality of book sections (Dolci et al. disclose the pages being made of paperboard, thin card, plastic, wood or other similar material - see column 1, lines 12-18) and a second plurality of pages (2) having a second page type and at least one page of the second plurality of pages being disposed in each of the plurality of book sections (Dolci et al. disclose the pages being made of paperboard, thin card, plastic, wood or other similar material - see column 1, lines 12-18).

Regarding claims 12 and 14, Dolci et al. disclose the book being made of paperboard, thin card, plastic, wood or other similar material – this would, inherently, include paper and cardboard - see column 1, lines 12-18 and having first and second thicknesses (as seen in figure 5, wherein the first and second thickness are the same throughout the book sections).

Regarding claim 15, Dolci et al. disclose a first one of the plurality of book sections (2) being more proximal to the front cover (7) and a second one of the plurality of the book sections (2) being more distal from the front cover (as seen in figure 5).

Regarding claim 16, a planar profile of the first one of the plurality of book sections (2 – closest to front cover 7) does not protrude beyond a planar profile of the second one of the plurality of book sections (2 – adjacent to the aforementioned book section) (as seen in figure 5).

Regarding claims 17 and 18, each of the shapes of the book sections comprise a first substantially straight edge portion for binding the book sections together (the straight edge portion being along the binding region 3); wherein each of the shapes of

Application/Control Number: 10/642,999

Art Unit: 3722

the book sections is formed so that the book remains in equilibrium on a flat surface (second straight edge) which is substantially perpendicular to the first edge portion (as seen in figure 6).

Regarding claim 19, a first page of one of the plurality of pages comprises the front cover (7) and a last page of one of the plurality of pages comprises the rear cover (8) (as seen in figure 5).

Regarding claim 20, when the book is closed, figures are reproduced in positions such as to form an image of the subject which is formed in relief by the plurality of book sections (as seen in figure 5).

Regarding claim 21, see the above rejections to claim 11.

# Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.111(b) because they amount to a general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references.

The examiner continues to maintain the rejections as set forth above.

#### Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

Application/Control Number: 10/642,999

Art Unit: 3722

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monica S. Carter whose telephone number is (571) 272-4475. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (6:00 AM - 3:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on (571) 272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Application/Control Number: 10/642,999 Page 6

Art Unit: 3722

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

March 9, 2005

MONICAS. CARTER PRIMARY EXAMINER